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of memories for two professors.

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Long before the printed page existed,

the art of storytelling was perfected. Throughout time, the recounting of victories and valleys has kept families united and the memory of loved ones alive.

I delight in hearing and sharing stories, especially those tied to Illinois State University. I find it fascinating that graduates from across the decades share the same affection for their alma mater as those who crossed the commencement stage last year.



Construction has changed the campus markedly, degree programs have mushroomed, and enrollment has skyrocketed since the founding in 1857. Every student who attends has his or her own unique path depending on area of study, residence hall or apartment life, and the campus organizations chosen. And yet all are Redbirds with the same pride and appreciation for life-changing experiences found at Illinois State.

As president, I count it a privilege to have the opportunity to share ISU's story as I travel the country. There are times my speeches center on statistics. I want to broadcast that we welcomed the largest freshman class in more than two decades this academic year.

It's also a joy to stand at the podium and applaud all those who invested in Illinois State. We experienced the largest fundraising year in our history during the past fiscal year. More than 10,000 alumni made a gift, bringing the total raised to \$19.5 million.

On other occasions, I tell of our academic excellence. College of Business programs consistently rank among the highest in the nation. Licensure pass rates for nursing students continue to soar above national averages. From taking championships at forensics competitions to global scholar initiatives, ISU is now competing in a stratum with flagship institutions throughout the Midwest.

But the stories I most enjoy hearing and sharing are those of individual graduates. They recall with emotion the determination and sacrifice required to finish a degree. Their enthusiasm is contagious as they recount career challenges met because of their ISU preparation.

Ultimately the common thread through each narrative is an appreciation for the personal touch, which has always been our trademark. It continues to exist as individuals invest in our people and our programs. It results in each graduate gaining so much more than a meaningful education. And it always leaves me enormously grateful for our students, faculty and staff, alumni and donors—especially as we enter this season of giving thanks.

What is your Redbird story? Recall it and then share it, knowing that your experience connects you with thousands of proud Illinois State graduates across disciplines, miles and generations.

Larry Dietz
President, Illinois State University



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Dakota Pawlicki '09 didn't have a home to call his own as a youth. He doubted a college education was within his grasp. Strong support within the ISU community equipped him to now serve as an administrator in Chicago's public schools.

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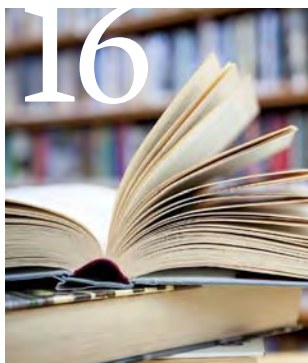
A tornado leveled much of a rural Illinois community one year ago, destroying Kristin Kouri's home. While grateful for her family's safety, the loss of possessions was tough to overcome. Worries about completing her classes were erased, thanks to a helping hand through the University.

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Gary Gemberling '63 has dedicated his career to nurturing growth in businesses ranging from agriculture to the oil industry. His greatest investment, however, has been in people. Passionate about ISU and preparing the next generation, he is offering his support to the College of Business.

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Skyscraper safety has been on the minds of Americans since September 2001. Keith Kambic '86 knows the thousands who visit Chicago's Willis Tower need assurances they are secure. It's his job to ensure the iconic building remains a safe destination.



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Illustration by Mike Mahle.



Improving wireless Internet

Multiyear enhancement underway across campus

A major upgrade to campus wireless Internet coverage that began during the summer already has students seeing improved access in some areas this semester. Work began in large academic buildings, including Schroeder Hall, and hubs such as Bone Student Center.

"The growth in wireless devices, even over the last few years, has been exponential," said Katie Lackermann, assistant director for Infrastructure, Operations, and Networking (ION) in Administrative Technologies.

The surge in usage is evident, as students have smart phones and laptops or tablets connected to the network while in class and residence halls. The result

is a strain on the existing network that causes spotty coverage and can disrupt access.

At a cost of up to \$2.1 million, the project is a major step toward building a modern IT infrastructure to support the University's mission and goals. Beyond fulfilling an objective in ISU's strategic plan, the improvements will keep Illinois State competitive.

"Wireless is a necessity and something that any student looks for when choosing what college they want to go to," Lackermann emphasized. "This is an important investment the University is making."

Lackermann and the ION team are working with a vendor on the project. Underserved, high-traffic areas are being

targeted, including Milner Library, Student Services Building, Stevenson Hall, Edwards Hall, Felmley Hall, DeGarmo Hall, and open Quad spaces.

The project was shaped by students in a School of Information Technology class. They conducted tests in Milner, recording detailed information about wireless performance. Findings resulted in better placement of wireless access points on each library floor. Students appreciated being actively involved in testing and verifying the system that will provide a long-term wireless solution for the entire campus.

"We are not only planning for what we're seeing now," Lackermann said, "but we're looking at growth in the future too."

Historic campus auditorium undergoes major renovation

A \$1.27 million renovation of Capen Auditorium began this fall. Built in 1909 within Edwards Hall, the 740-seat auditorium is used for movies, meetings, and lectures.

“This is an important project for us,” said Greg Alt, interim vice president of Finance and Planning. “It’s in a prime location on campus and is used by thousands of students each semester.”

The work involves installing new seating, flooring and lighting; as well as the replacement of sound, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. The University is leasing a theater in Uptown Normal for larger classes until Capen is completed next June.

The Capen work is among \$5.9 million in Central Illinois construction projects announced by Gov. Pat Quinn. Managed by the Illinois Capital Development Board, the auditorium upgrade is part of the state’s \$31 billion Illinois Jobs Now! program, which is the largest construction initiative in Illinois history.

Illinois State advances in annual university rankings

The University not only remains in the top 100 schools in the nation but moved up according to *U.S. News & World Report* rankings of “2015 Best Colleges.”

Illinois State jumped to 74th among best public universities, up from 81st a year ago. ISU also broke into the top 150 for all “Best National Universities,” rising to 142 compared to 152 last year. The category includes 268 American universities offering a range of undergraduate, master’s and doctoral degrees. Only one other public university in the state placed above Illinois State.

The University rose in the subcategory of smaller classes offered on campus. The report notes 34 percent of classes have 20 students or under, up from 33 percent last year. Illinois State also rose to a 72 percent graduation rate, maintaining a rate above the national average of 56 percent for public universi-



Part of the renovation work set for Capen Auditorium will include upgrades to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

ties, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

“Numbers like these show the nation what we already know,” President Larry Dietz said. “Illinois State is a national leader in education, dedicated to providing rigorous and innovative learning opportunities that prepare our students for success.”

ISU among nation’s best in assessment of value

Money magazine has rated Illinois State as one of the “25 Colleges That Add the Most Value.” The 2014 list was released as part of the publication’s annual “Best Colleges” rankings.

Inclusion as a “value all star” sets ISU apart as a university that adds value to the education it provides by outperforming peer institutions in graduation rates and alumni earnings. Student loan default rates and mix of majors offered were considered in the evaluation, as was the economic and academic profiles of the incoming students.

“*Money* magazine’s ranking of Illinois State as an institution that adds value is further recognition of the excellent work being done by our faculty and staff,” President Larry Dietz said. “Illinois State’s graduation rate of 72 percent puts us in the top 10 percent of public and private universities nationwide. Seeing that fact recognized by the editors at *Money* is truly gratifying.”

Three other Illinois schools included among the 25 were the University of Illinois-Chicago, Monmouth College and Bradley University.

Review process includes call for public feedback

Illinois State is seeking public comments in preparation for its periodic regional accrediting agency evaluation set for April 2015. ISU has been accredited since 1913 by the Higher Learning Commission.

Individuals who would like to address substantive matters related to ISU’s academic programs or quality of the institution overall should mail comments

Where are they now?

The Department of Agriculture was at peak enrollment when Randy Winter joined the faculty in 1981. Having completed his doctorate in ag business and economics at Oregon State University, he settled back in his home state with his wife, Carol '11.

"That first semester I taught farm management, ag finance and ag policy," Winter recalled. Those were his areas of expertise throughout his teaching career, which he pursued after growing up on a farm. In 1993, he transitioned to department chair while still teaching.

"I had a long faculty run," Winter said. He considers watching students launch their careers and succeed the most rewarding aspect of university employment.

Winter chaired the department for 11 years. Among his most significant accomplishments was transitioning the University Farm to Lexington. "That was one of my major goals to get accomplished during my tenure," he said. The effort required special legislation to sell land and reinvest the funds. He was also a key player in efforts to stop the Illinois Board of Higher Education from cutting the department in 1992, and helped establish the Center for Renewable Energy.

His service to ISU includes a two-year term as interim chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

"They both had different rewards and challenges. It would be difficult to say that I enjoyed one function over the other," Winter said of his teaching and leadership duties.

Winter calls Normal home. He enjoys golf, home improvement projects and traveling. He frequently visits his three children—all ISU alums—and two grandchildren. He can be reached at rwinter@ilstu.edu.



to Third Party Comment on Illinois State University, The Higher Learning Commission, 203 South LaSalle Street Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604. Submissions may be made at www.ncahlc.org. All feedback must be in writing and received by March 20 to be considered.

Leadership change in Advancement position

Pat Vickerman is interim vice president of University Advancement following the resignation of Erin Minné. She became senior vice president for advancement at DePaul this fall.

Vickerman served as senior associate vice president of UA. He has been part of or led fundraising campaigns as a planned giving specialist in a \$1 billion University of Iowa effort, an \$867 million Iowa State University campaign, and a \$163 million Bradley University push.

"Pat has a two-decade track record of success in fundraising and campaign

planning, and we look forward to his leadership in University Advancement," President Larry Dietz said. "I know he will have the full support of our excellent University Advancement team, the campus community and the ISU Foundation Board."

Vickerman has bachelor and master's degrees from the University of Iowa. He and his wife, Tracey, have three children.

Solar car team prepares for international competition

The inaugural Abu Dhabi Solar Challenge set for January 2015 boasts an international field from six continents, including ISU's solar car team. The invitation came through a recommendation by organizers of the American Solar Challenge, which ISU has participated in since 2005.

The competition covers four days on a 1,200-kilometer course across the

United Arab Emirates. The country is among the 10 largest oil and gas producers in the world.

The race will end with the opening ceremony of the World Future Energy Summit. Event organizers paid to ship the car by freighter. ISU's team will be relying on Mercury IV, which was the only option after a newer car was destroyed by fire during the summer.

Mercury V was engulfed in flames in a Texas garage prior to the start of the American Solar Challenge, eliminating ISU's team. The students had hoped to improve on their second place finish from a year ago when they missed winning the race by less than a lap. Now their focus is on showcasing alternative energy in an oil-rich country.

Teacher technology training focuses on new smart grid

A grant of \$450,000 will bolster ISU's training of K-12 teacher majors on Illi-

nois' modern electrical grid. The funding from the Illinois Science and Energy Innovation Foundation will support the University's Smart Grid for Schools program.

Smart grid refers to technology that will change electricity delivery. ISU's goal is to offer educational programs that support the state's transition to a modern electrical grid.

The Center for Renewable Energy and the Center for Mathematics, Science, and Technology are partnering to provide ISU's training.

Students will engage in hands-on activities and experiments. The Department of Technology created tabletop models of a home and the power grid. Simulated rooms will have electrical appliances and a smart grid meter. Students will manipulate electrical usage to gauge energy consumption.



Students use a smart grid model to study changes in how electricity is delivered.

Mennonite faculty chosen as outstanding in nation

Mennonite College of Nursing faculty members Steve Stapleton and Wendy Mann Woith have been chosen for induction by separate national nursing organizations.

The Academy of Emergency Nursing of the Emergency Nurses Association selected Stapleton as one of only 10 emergency nurses to join the organization this year.

An assistant professor, Stapleton researches emergency nursing, pain and symptom management, and palliative care. He publishes in scholarly journals and is supported with grants from the National Institutes of Health and other entities.

Woith, an associate professor, is among the fellows chosen by the American Academy of Nursing.

Woith's work advances nursing and healthcare in Russia. She established an exchange program between ISU's nursing students and faculty and those at Vladimir Medical College in Russia. Her research focuses on methods to

decrease tuberculosis transmission and has appeared in several professional publications.

Fall enrollment increases with large freshman class

A total of 3,589 freshmen enrolled this fall, which is the largest freshman class since 1989. The 20 percent increase from last year brings total on-campus enrollment to 20,271, and yet the student-faculty ratio remains 19:1.

Academic quality of the freshman class is strong. The average ACT score is near 24, with more than 200 having scored 30 or higher. More than one quarter of the freshman class is from traditionally underrepresented groups.

"The large freshman class and overall enrollment increase confirm that Illinois State is a first-choice institution for academically talented and motivated students," said Troy Johnson, associate vice president of Enrollment Management.

"This is impressive because we were able to substantially increase enrollment while keeping our academic quality strong."

Mail

To the Editor,

This is a response to Robert Johnson '71 (Mail, May 2014) regarding the University name change. The answer to his question, "Does ISU have a reputation for preparing the best educators in America?" is a resounding YES!

I graduated shortly before the name change took place and remember a great deal about it.

I am a native Oklahoman and chose ISNU because it was without doubt the best place in the U.S. to get a degree in special education—the ONLY place which had a program so comprehensive that it encompassed every handicap of special needs children.

Our classes were held in the same building where classes and tutoring were going on for all kinds of children with special needs. It was amazing and fantastic. I returned to Oklahoma the best educated special education teacher in the state with a broad background and a college degree in the field!

Adding other departments to the campus need not reduce the level, and indeed I firmly believe it did not. While I hated to see my dear ISNU designation go, I do believe it was appropriate that the word "Normal" be taken out because of the much broader scope of present programs.

Nothing has "watered down" the Department of Education! ISU is still a strong and amazing place to get an education. Other programs on campus only intensify what is available to become an outstanding teacher.

JimAnn Oliver '54

I was there! I remember going outside with girls on my floor because we could see and hear all of the commotion ("Oral history of the beer riot," August 2014). I had no idea what it was about. I was downtown Normal when the police used tear gas! I remember students knocking over one of the phone booths.

Facebook comment

Ann (Stanley) Dobbels '87

Redbird Athletics



Valley Hall of Fame

Golf great Weibring honored with induction

Former Illinois State golfer and PGA Tour professional D.A. Weibring '75 was inducted into the Missouri Valley Conference Hall of Fame earlier this year.

Chosen in the Institutional Great category, he is the first golfer from any school to be selected for the MVC Hall of Fame and the eighth Redbird. He is also a member of the Illinois State Athletics Percy Family Hall of Fame.

"We are very excited for D.A. and proud of his professional accomplishments as a long-time PGA Tour member and his work in course design and management," Illinois State Director of

Athletics Larry Lyons said. "He is a loyal Redbird who continues to give back to his alma mater in so many ways. D.A. truly deserves to be the first golfer from any school entering the MVC Hall of Fame."

A native of Quincy, Weibring earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament as a freshman while studying business administration. The Redbirds finished first in 13 tournaments and second in 15 tournaments while Weibring played for ISU. He started touring with the PGA in 1977.

Weibring has had five top-10 finishes in major championships, including two at the PGA Championship. His first major win came in 1979. A 2001 induct-

ee into the Illinois PGA Hall of Fame, Weibring is currently playing on the PGA Champions Tour, which he joined in 2003. He has five wins thus far.

The founder and chairman of Weibring-Wolfard Golf Design, he and his design team are credited with more than 80 projects worldwide.

Weibring has designed, renovated and master-planned golf courses in the U.S. and internationally, from private country clubs to PGA Tour venues, including ISU's golf course. It was named the Weibring Golf Club at Illinois State University in 2007 in recognition of his commitment and contribution to Redbird Athletics, as well as his achievements as a PGA competitor.



Three teams welcome new head coaches

Three new head coaches have been named by Redbird Athletics. Jeff Bovee leads track and field/cross country, Bo Durkac runs baseball, and Maja Kovacek directs the women's tennis team.

Bovee has 18 years of collegiate coaching experience, including eight at Illinois State. With the Redbirds, he has coached 97 All-Valley performers and 19 MVC individual champions. He has led 24 distance student-athletes to the NCAA Track and Field Preliminary Round. In 2011, he guided the women's cross country team to its first conference title since 1992.

Durkac played professionally and has been an assistant coach 12 years.

He served in that role and as associate head coach at ISU five seasons, helping the Redbirds rank among MVC offensive leaders. He was integral in the team's MVC title in 2013, while helping six players get drafted in the 2014 Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft.

Kovacek excelled as a New Mexico student-athlete. She was a two-time All-American in 2004 and 2006 and a three-year NCAA qualifier, climbing as high as No. 2 in doubles and No. 21 in singles nationally. She has served as an assistant coach at Oregon the past seven seasons, guiding that team to dual match wins over 12 ranked opponents.

Soccer Redbird vies for Valley's Woman of the Year

More than 120 female student-athletes representing multiple sports across NCAA Divisions I, II and III have been selected as 2014 Woman of the Year honorees. Illinois State soccer star, Anna Stinson '14, is one of them.

Stinson excelled on the field and in the classroom for the Redbirds, starting all four years at midfield and winning numerous academic awards. She exited ISU with 19 career assists, which is fourth on the program's all-time list. She also added 12 goals.

The NCAA Woman of the Year award honors graduating female student-athletes for their achievements in academics, athletics, community service and leadership.

Scoreboard installation completes Hancock work

The \$26 million renovation of Hancock Stadium is officially finished with installation of a main scoreboard at the north end of the field. The \$1.2 million purchase and installation was finalized by the first home game in September.

The upgrade includes a main scoreboard, auxiliary scoreboard, sound system and marquee message center from Daktronics, and a fiber connection between Hancock and Redbird Arena.

Volleyball team earns academic honors again

For the sixth consecutive season, ISU's volleyball team earned the American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award.

The award recognizes teams that have displayed excellence in the classroom during the school year by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team GPA on a 4.0 scale. The Redbirds compiled a team GPA of 3.52 during the 2013-2014 academic year.

GET YOUR TICKETS!

For questions regarding the purchase of single-game or season tickets, please contact the ISU Athletics Ticket Office at (309) 438-8000 or visit GoRedbirds.com.

ISU Hall of Fame 2014 inductees honored

Illinois State Athletics welcomed four former student-athletes into the ISU Athletics Percy Family Hall of Fame during Homecoming, while also honoring a volunteer with the Stretch Miller Award.

The 2014 inductees include Char Govan Bond '90, who was on the women's basketball team. She was a 1,500-point scorer and 1990 First-Team All-MVC selection. Men's basketball player Tarise Bryson '02 was No. 7 on the all-time scoring list and the 2001 MVC Player of the Year.

Dion Simmons '94 was a track and field athlete, becoming a NCAA All-American in the triple jump and a three-time MVC champion. Softball player Amber (Smith) Coppola '09 was a four-time All-MVC First-Team selection and All-American.

Larry Quane '66 was honored with the Miller Award for years of volunteer work with Athletics. He is a retired ISU administrator who worked in University College and the College of Applied Science and Technology.

A stylized illustration featuring a large red sign with white text that reads "MOTHER ROAD". Below it is a yellow sign with black text that reads "ALUMS A DRIVING FORCE IN PRESERVING ROUTE 66". The signs are set against a background of stylized clouds and a road. The yellow sign is decorated with small white dots, resembling lights.

Sustaining *the* **MOTHER ROAD**

by Kevin Bersett

**ALUMS A DRIVING
FORCE IN PRESERVING
ROUTE 66**

Route 66 was the first road to connect the Midwest to the West. Its 2,448 miles linked an archipelago of towns that previously depended on unreliable muddy tracks and wooden plank roads. Although only small sections of the original road remain, 95 percent of the final alignment can still be driven and still attracts international visitors.

Preserving the iconic piece of Americana requires a labor of love, as two Illinois State graduates and employees can attest. The passion and projects of Terri Ryburn '85, M.S. '88, D.A. '99; and Fred Walk, M.S. '78, have formed a significant and lasting intersection between Route 66 and the University.

Ryburn is rebirthing a 1930s-era business, Sprague's Super Service, that graced what once was the original alignment of Route 66 in Bloomington-Normal. The administrator, who left the University in 2005 after 26 years, has returned to a full-time, temporary position to help fund a \$1 million-plus restoration of the dilapidated icon on the historic highway.

Walk is a history professor working to preserve an abandoned section of the iconic road in the village of Towanda, just a few miles north of Ryburn's reclamation project. Over the last 15 years, Walk has transformed a 2.5-mile stretch of cracked pavement into a memorial parkway that attracts 2,000-plus tourists a year and provides the village a place for walking, biking, and meditating on what once was.

Ryburn and Walk have found ways to tie their efforts to Illinois State classrooms. Both are part of a general effort to preserve Route 66 that emerged

in the early 1990s, less than a decade after the road was replaced completely by interstate highways. Those efforts have brought millions of dollars in tourist revenue to small towns across the United States, including Towanda and Pontiac, where the Illinois Route 66 Association Hall of Fame and Museum is located.



"It helps Mom-and-Pop America an awful lot," said John Weiss, an Illinois Route 66 historian and officer of the Route 66 Association of Illinois. "It has something for everybody. It goes from lakes to oceans, skyscrapers to deserts, Indian reservations, small towns, big cities. You name it, it is on 66."





Ryburn's love for the road was born in 1953 during a childhood road trip when she was just 5. Her family—mother, father, five (frequently carsick) children, and two hunting dogs—drove a Model A truck 40 mph on Route 66 from Bloomington to California.

"It was wonderful, absolutely wonderful—for the kids. Not so happy for the adults. My mother never liked to travel after that," Ryburn said. "I joke that we must have looked like the Joad family in *The Grapes of Wrath*."

The version of Route 66 that carried migrants fleeing economic hardship during the Great Depression, like those depicted in the John Steinbeck novel, was in the distant past by the time Ryburn's family made its trek.

Route 66 began in 1926 as a 16-foot-wide, and only partly paved, two-lane road that crossed eight states from Lake Michigan to the Pacific Ocean. Known as "Bloody 66," the original road had no speed limit and 90-degree turns, like "Deadman's Curve" in Towanda. By the 1950s it had evolved into a safer, four-lane highway that bypassed Main Street America in many spots, portending its eventual replacement by interstates.

Oklahoma businessman Cyrus Avery is known as the "Father of Route 66." His idea was to create an all-weather road to transport materials across the country.

"That's why they built it, for commerce primarily. It was a bonus that people could travel to visit friends and relatives and then eventually take vacations along it," said Ryburn, who has authored a guidebook on McLean County's section of the road. She wrote a history of the Mother Road for her doctoral dissertation and remains a frequent traveler of the pavement etched in American consciousness by the song "Get Your Kicks on Route 66" and a TV show (*Route 66*).

In Illinois, State Road 4 was the main forerunner of Route 66. Several roads were cobbled together to create one route from Chicago to St. Louis. "They never built Route 66; they created it by attaching paved pieces of road with other paved pieces of road," Weiss said.

Route 66 originally went through the middle of Bloomington-Normal, passing Illinois State University's campus on its southward path. Businesses sprang up on busy sections of the road, including the nation's first Steak 'n Shake. It opened in 1934 on Main Street in Normal.

General contractor William Sprague opened Sprague's Super Service in 1931 at 305 Pine Street, which was then the main northern entrance to Normal. Unlike many businesses that closed as the



Terri Ryburn



“This is probably the most elaborate restoration on an individual basis. Usually these kinds of projects are taken on by some big banks with corporate sponsors. She didn’t have any of that. She just had a lot of guts.”

route was altered, the service station survived long after Route 66 was rerouted to the beltline in 1941, bypassing the heart of the Twin Cities.

Sprague’s building had several owners, becoming a gas station, restaurant, auto-shop, cab company, Greyhound bus stop, rental car and ambulance service, and bridal shop and catering business. When it opened there was a cafe, a little grocery, and two other gas stations nearby.

Ryburn purchased the two-story Tudor Revival building for \$220,000 in 2006 and hopes to resurrect it as a café/theater/bed-and-breakfast on what is now a sleepy Normal street. She had her eyes on the 8,000-square-foot building for years and put in a couple of offers once it went up for sale. She was so surprised her second bid was accepted that she hadn’t bothered to tell her husband about her efforts to obtain their new home.

Persuading him was the easy part; reviving a Route 66 landmark, not so much. Ryburn has spent \$90,000 of her own money to reroof the building, install storm windows, and complete other renovations, with hundreds of thousands of dollars of work yet to be done. She wants to knock down two additions built in the 1950s and 1960s. She needs to replace pipes from the 1930s, and the second floor needs a complete redo.

“It was really deteriorating badly when I bought it,” Ryburn said. She brought in Illinois State University interior design classes to redesign the first floor, and top floor—where she lives in the larger of two apartments—into a bed-and-breakfast.

The first floor is taking shape, but gathering dust. The former restaurant space is being turned into a coffee shop. A tea room with the tables set is ready to go in an adjacent room. A stage and lighting is set up for a community theater in a third room, but none of the spaces are ready for the public.

“I’m just hoping it’s not open posthumously. That’s my goal,” said Ryburn, who has obtained grants. She worked to get the building listed on the National Register of Historic Places, recognized by the Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame, and as a local Normal landmark.

“The difficulty with owning an historical building is I have to restore it, not remodel it,” Ry-



burn said. “The exterior has to look as exactly the way it looked when it was built in 1930–31.”

Weiss is impressed with Ryburn’s efforts. He has worked on Illinois Route 66 preservation efforts for 20 years and has led volunteers to Ryburn’s home.

“This is probably the most elaborate restoration on an individual basis,” he said. “Usually these kinds of projects are taken on by some big banks with corporate sponsors. She didn’t have any of that. She just had a lot of guts.”

Terri Ryburn is in the middle of a \$1 million restoration of the former Sprague’s Super Service, an 83-year-old relic of Old Route 66.



While Ryburn's connection to Route 66 started during its heyday, Walk's happened after its demise. In the 1990s, Walk drove past a barricaded section of the road in Towanda on his way to Normal Community High School, where he taught history and social studies.

"I thought something could be done here. This is a piece of Americana," Walk said. The two-lane frontage road that Walk drove was the vibrant half of Route 66 in Towanda. The two southbound lanes didn't survive the opening of Interstate 55 and became the corpse that Walk has mummified.

"When I-55 came through, that was pretty much the death knell of Old 66," said Walk, whose

Illinois State History Professor Fred Walk, pictured front row far left, gathers students and community members together every spring to help beautify the Route 66 parkway in Towanda.

closet-size office in Schroeder Hall is a display of Route 66 paraphernalia.

Travelers on that frontage road see the evolution of modern transportation in Towanda. To the east is a Union Pacific rail line. The Chicago to Alton rail line, which opened in the mid-1800s, once passed through and forged an alignment roughly followed by Route 66. It was a path beaten down by settlers who tread over trails traced by buffalo and Native Americans.

A faint rumbling of traffic to the west reveals Interstate 55. The highway that runs from Chicago to New Orleans replaced the 300 miles of Route 66 in Illinois. It was one of five interstates built in the 1960s and 1970s to replace the Mother Road, whose death in Illinois in 1977 preceded its overall denouement seven years later in Arizona.

"Now it is just so homogenized. There is no uniqueness about the interstate," Walk said. "You got a much better sense of both the physical and cultural landscape when you were on old Route 66."

Walk figured Route 66 could be the hook to get his high school students motivated in civic engagement. He proposed the students place a memorial sign by the closed road.

"They didn't quite see my vision," Walk said with a laugh, recalling the initial response. "It was like, 'Why are we out here? Just a barren stretch of road; there is nothing there.'"

Their attitudes changed once they learned

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more about Route 66's importance nationally and in their backyard.

"After we did the sign, I started thinking we could do much more," Walk said. He met with state officials about turning the road to nowhere into a parkway. There was one problem: The state planned to tear down an old bridge over Money Creek that would have cut the parkway in two.

Walk and the students launched a successful "save the bridge" campaign that upset the contractor who was to receive \$80,000 to remove it. But they won over local politicians.

"I wanted to provide an avenue for my students to model for them how they could become

activists and model that sense of activism whereby they could get involved in their community,” Walk said.

With the bridge saved, Walk, his students, and community volunteers created the parkway. They added benches, planted trees, poured concrete, built split-rail fences, created murals of every state where Route 66 passes through, installed classic Burma Shave signs that once dotted the roadway, and recorded the local history in brochures describing the diners and gas stations that went by the wayside with Route 66’s demise.

“The goal was to capture the cultural essence of this stretch of road,” he said.

Fifteen years later, the parkway known as the Historic Route 66: A Geographic Journey, is a tourist attraction and a local landmark. A scan of a logbook shows visitors from Australia, Brazil, Kenya, Japan, England, Quebec, and New York City.

“It’s amazing for how many people there is this lure of Route 66, worldwide,” said Walk, who uses the parkway as a tool to teach Illinois State history-social science education students about how they can get their future students civically engaged. Since joining the History Department in 2003, he and fellow History Professor Monica Noraian, Ph.D. ’07, have led a history-social science

methodology class that emphasizes civic engagement for aspiring history-social science teachers. Among other activities, they annually take students to the Route 66 parkway to help with preservation efforts.

“What we are all about is providing avenues for our students and future teachers to become responsible, active, contributing citizens,” Walk said. “And that is the endgame.”

Editor’s note

Terri Ryburn, Fred Walk, and John Weiss provided much of the history of Route 66 in this story. Sources included Ryburn’s book, *Route 66: Goin’ Somewhere (The Road in McLean County)*; Fred Walk’s 2002 article in *Historic Illinois*; and Rutgers University’s 2011 publication *Route 66: Economic Impact Study*.

View a video showing the progress made on Route 66 by Fred Walk and his students. Go online to IllinoisState.edu/Magazine.



Inside Look

Built in 1916 and nestled against Schroeder Hall, the Heating Plant has experienced dramatic change. Heat on campus was converted from coal to gas in 1965. Four years later a remote automation system capable of monitoring all room air systems was installed. Today the plant heats more than 2,527,000-square-feet of classrooms, residence halls, office space, and other academic buildings.

Always on duty

The 44 staff members who run the Heating Plant and three campus Chiller Plants have two goals: keep everyone as comfortable as possible and make the plants as efficient as possible. To make both happen staff are scheduled 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to monitor the equipment and make sure no issues arise. John Fleming (pictured) has been on staff four years as steam and power plant operator. In this role he monitors equipment; dispatches coworkers; and even takes part in the annual dismantling of each boiler for cleaning, maintenance, and inspection.

Efficiency is the name of the game

Plant staff constantly make improvements on the boilers, pipes, and other systems to increase efficiency. Upgraded controls allow fine tuning of water levels, humidifiers, heating and cooling coils, and fans. A comprehensive monitoring system allows staff to keep track of 30,000 points on campus. Even the air that is vented from the boilers—which gets as hot as 360 degrees—is recaptured and used to preheat water after it is treated and before it goes into the boilers. The increased efficiency from this modification gives the University savings equivalent to a fleet of Priuses and was paid back in only two years. Thanks guys!

The power of four

The Heating Plant contains four boilers that supply all of the heat and cooking water, domestic water, and humidification for campus. Three boilers (pictured) are D-type boilers, named for the pipes that wrap the unit in a backwards D. These giants have been in service for approximately 50 years. The other boiler is an O-type boiler and has pipes that wrap it in—you guessed it—an O. The rookie O-type has been working for almost 20 years.

Sharing the load


During the typical winter only two boilers are running, with a third started if temperatures drop below 10 degrees. The fourth boiler serves as a backup in case there is a leak or malfunction in another unit—an extremely rare occurrence. Even when three boilers are in use, they are only running at partial capacity to avoid putting too much strain on the units.

The mysterious tunnels

Spend enough time on campus and you might hear whisperings of hidden tunnels that connect the greater campus area. Most treat these stories the same as the tales about Ange Milner's ghost. It turns out talk of the tunnels is true. Pipes from the heating plant travel in four loops in campus via dark, steamy underground tunnels to the buildings on campus. The tunnels allow the crew at the plant easier access should there be a leak or need for maintenance.







DESPERATE

HOMELESS TEEN IS

A police car rolled past as he walked to school. The officer exchanged glances with the teen. When the car turned into his driveway, he knew he either had to go home and deal with his family's legal troubles or face reality later.

Dakota Pawlicki '09 went on to school. He wasn't surprised to later learn he and his mother had been evicted from their Northern Illinois home. It wasn't the first time it had happened, but it would be the last.

He called his best friend's parents, saying simply 'come get me.' He met them with a few boxes and small suitcase of clothes. Once unloaded, he went to school to fill in as conductor of the musical.

Dakota's situation left LaDon Schneider speechless. She is the mom who took him in; along with her husband, Mike, and son, Andrew. Dakota had a bedroom in their house and a place in their lives beginning at 7. All he wanted was a secure roof over his head and an education.

When her son befriended Dakota in first grade, LaDon wondered why he didn't know his phone number. It had been disconnected too many times—just one consequence of his mother's mental illness and substance abuse. By 14 he was supporting his older siblings and negotiating with bill collectors.

BUT *not* DEFEATED

EDUCATOR BECAUSE OF DONORS' DOLLARS BY KATE ARTHUR

He and Andrew were as different as night and day, but as close as brothers. Andrew was athletic and an excellent student. Dakota maintained average grades and was too small to compete. He tried out for band hoping to play trombone. His arms were so short he ended up with the baritone. Realizing music provided an escape from his house, he joined marching band and musicals.

College wasn't even a thought. There was a gas station with a hiring notice that he walked by often. He assumed he'd work there someday. But there were too many people in McHenry, a rural river town of 27,000, who thought otherwise.

One of those was 23-year-old high school band director Brian Weidner '01, a first-year teacher when the two met. Dakota, who stood eye-to-eye with the sousaphone, helped move band equipment from a trailer.

"He was the first kid to show up and the last kid to leave. He is still the standard I hold my students to," Brian said.

Dakota's dedication and desperate family life inspired Brian and his colleagues to figure out how they could get him to college. He thought Illinois State would be a good fit, with Dakota's interest in music education. Brian arranged a campus visit that rewrote Dakota's future, despite the fact a mandatory School of Music audition didn't go well. The professor called it the worst he'd ever heard. And yet he accepted Dakota, convinced he would work hard.

Applying for every scholarship he could find, Dakota was overwhelmed with support. A Golden Apple Scholar, he received Illinois State's Horatio Alger

Scholarship for students facing adversity and the Mary Jo Brown Scholarship, as well as help from Friends of the Arts. The financial awards were so generous and constant, he graduated debt free.

"If I hadn't been accepted at ISU, I wouldn't have gone to college," Dakota said. "ISU felt so much like home to me because it was like the community that got me there. Throughout my childhood, there were all these people who went out of their way to look out for me. That's what I experienced at ISU too, especially in the School of Music."

Dakota dug in, got perfect grades, and became involved. He cofounded and became president of Urban Needs in Teacher Education (UNITE), which he later developed into a national nonprofit.

While student teaching at Lindblom Math and Science Academy in Chicago, Dakota was desperate for a job. An ISU faculty member contacted Robert Lee, executive director of ISU's urban education teacher preparation program, the Chicago Teacher Education Pipeline (CTEP). He knew Dakota through UNITE and offered him a part-time job based on his track record.

Dakota taught during the day, started work at 4 p.m., and stayed until the last person left. His dedication resulted in a job offer as director of bands at the Chicago school, fulfilling his goal to teach in an urban setting.

Life took another turn when Robert sought a federal Teacher Quality Partnership grant that supports urban education, and Dakota offered to help. He helped design STEP-UP, the Summer Teacher Education Partnership for Urban Preparation, which puts students

in Chicago Public School classrooms while also serving at community-based organizations during an intense four-week program.

The money was awarded, allowing Dakota to join the Pipeline staff after his first year of teaching. Now 28, he is an administrator with Chicago Public School's Office of Career Success. The position far exceeds what Dakota envisioned in his future while still a struggling teen.

"I'm most grateful for the people in my life who have taken a chance on me. They didn't have to give me a scholarship. I didn't have to be let into the School of Music. My life is sprinkled with opportunities that have been provided by people just trying to do good in the world," he said.

"There is this cyclical nature of getting help and giving help, which you have to do in order to really succeed. Now it's my turn to give back."

Dakota is grateful he can support Illinois State students by investing annually in the Gladly We Give Campaign. "I know this money will go back to students who really need it," he said. "Knowing I was the beneficiary of those gifts, I make a recurring gift."

LaDon, who still gets a card from Dakota every Mother's Day, isn't a bit surprised by his story and determination to lift up others with the same support he experienced throughout life and especially at ISU.

"All we asked him to do was pay it forward and he already has," she said. "He doesn't help one child, he helps hundreds."

AFTER THE



tornado

ONE YEAR LATER, WASHINGTON STUDENT THANKFUL FOR SCHOLARSHIP BY RYAN DENHAM

For Kristin Kouri, the two hours after a tornado struck her hometown felt like three weeks.

That's because the Illinois State University junior couldn't reach her family immediately after the twister leveled their neighborhood in Washington one year ago, on November 17. Huddled in a stairwell in Watterson Towers due to a local tornado warning, Kouri feared the worst during two hours of cellular silence. Then her mom texted her from a random number saying she, Kristin's stepfather, and little brother were OK.

But their family home was gone.

"There was a point where I thought I was gonna be an orphan," Kouri said. "I didn't know if my parents were alive. I didn't know if my grandparents were alive. I'm just thankful for quite a few things."

One of those things is financial assistance she received from Illinois State's Red and White Scholarship Fund.

The tornado uprooted more than just the family's home. Even with insurance, living up to a year in temporary housing comes with lots of additional costs—and those costs mounted quickly.

That's when Kouri and her family asked the University for help paying for her textbooks the next semester. Her financial aid advisor connected her with a modest Red and White Scholarship award.

"It felt great to have that scholarship, to get that cost off our shoulders," said Kouri, a psychology major who plans to work in medicine.

The Red and White Scholarship is unique because "when students have

no other options and their optimism is fading, this fund is able to provide a little relief during a stressful time," said Jana Albrecht, M.B.A. '06, Illinois State's director of Financial Aid.

Kouri was one of 25 students who benefited from Red and White during the 2013-2014 academic year.

"Some supporters do not believe their contribution will be large enough to make a difference in a student's life," Albrecht said. "But Kristin did not need \$10,000. She did need enough money to replace her books, and she needed the money quickly. Kristin was very grateful for the help. The fund has made a lasting impression on her and many other students."

In all, two dozen tornadoes raked across Central and Southern Illinois on November 17, killing eight people and damaging or destroying around 2,500 homes, including Kouri's.

The E-4 Washington tornado impacted the Illinois State community in many ways beyond Kouri's family. Washington's high school football team, coached by alumnus Darrell Crouch '87, made national news with its emotional run into the state playoffs after the tornado. Other Illinois State alumni, such as Erin Templeton, M.S.N. '13, saw their homes destroyed.

On campus, students rallied quickly to help out in Washington, a community of around 16,000 just 30 miles northwest of Normal near Peoria. They organized a "Stuff the Bus" campaign on the Quad that collected loads of supplies for the hard-hit community. When the dust settled, busloads of students traveled to

Washington to clean up debris during finals week, with trips organized by the Dean of Students' Leadership and Service team.

One year later, Kouri's family is living in an apartment just down the street from where their house used to be. Homes in their neighborhood are sprouting up once again, but Kouri's family spent much of the summer on a homebuilder's waiting list to have their house resurrected.

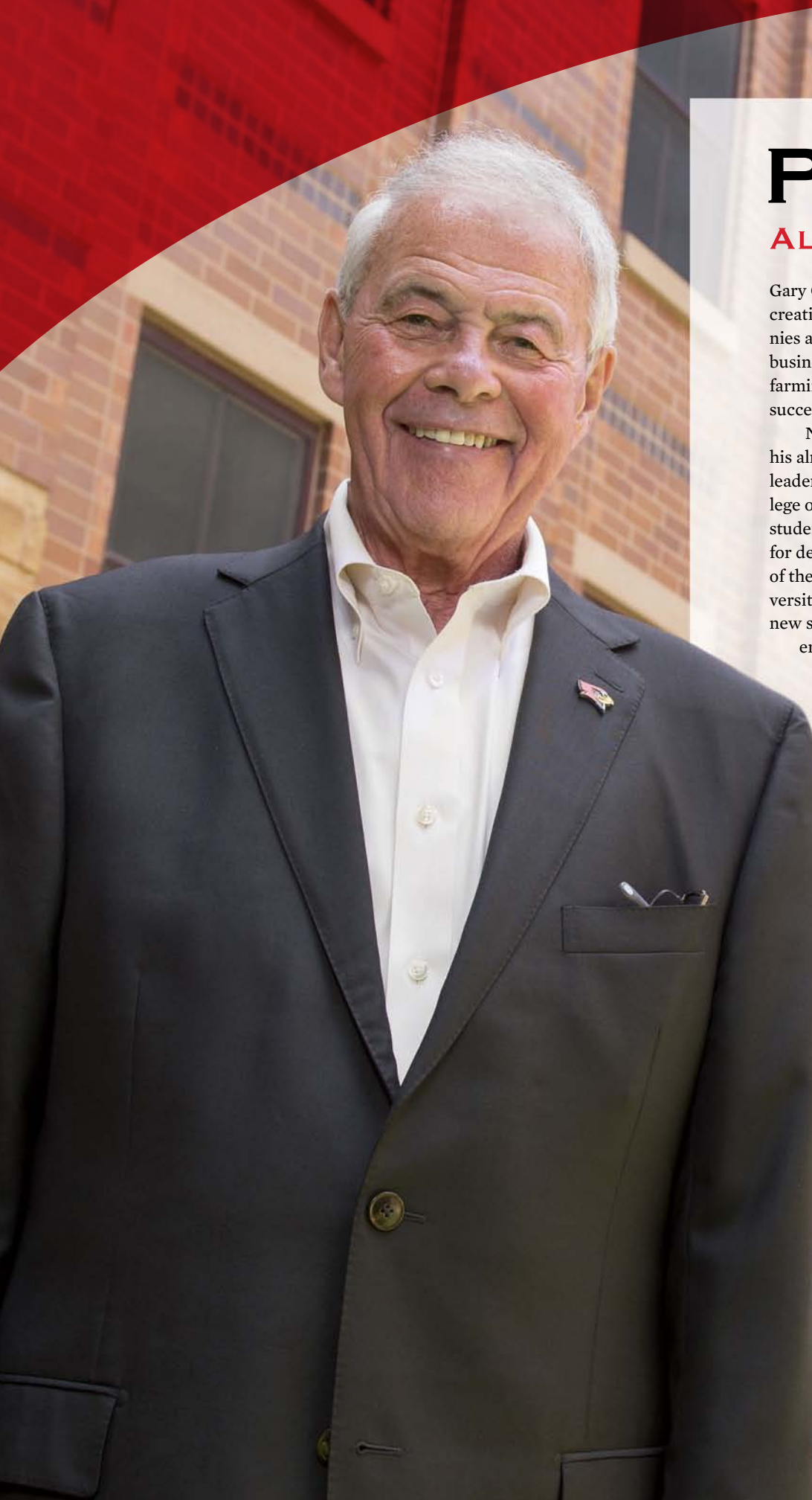
"Everything was just obliterated," Kouri said. "It's getting easier, but it was hard at first."

They initially rented a home in nearby Germantown Hills, from which Kouri traveled back and forth during the spring 2014 semester, in part to help her younger brother. He was home when the tornado struck and walked away uninjured but with practically nothing else, not even a pair of shoes.

"My parents wanted to get my younger brother back into Washington, even though we're not home, so he can start to go back to normal, be back with his friends, and to help him heal," Kouri said.

For Kouri, healing came in part from the Red and White Scholarship. The fund consists solely of annual gifts that directly impact students in need, said Beth (Snyder) Keegan '07, associate director for Annual Giving.

"Despite the sudden loss of a parent, serious health issues, or a natural disaster, the Red and White Scholarship enables students to continue their studies at Illinois State when tragedy strikes," she said.



PLANNI

ALUM'S INVESTMENT

Gary Gemberling '63 spent his career creating. He launched his own companies and used his expertise to help other businesses—everything from tomato farming to oil wells—build their own success.

Now Gemberling is turning back to his alma mater for his next creation—a leadership gift commitment to the College of Business (COB) that will impact students and professors at Illinois State for decades to come. In what will be one of the largest individual gifts in the University's history, Gemberling will create new student scholarships and two endowed professorships, and launch a new entrepreneurship startup fund for student-run businesses, among other priorities.

"We are so fortunate for Gary's loyalty and generosity," said interim Dean of the College of Business Gerry McKean '72, M.S. '75, Ph.D. '85. "Gary's investment in the college is vital to our continued pursuit of excellence."

Gemberling grew up in the tiny Illinois town of Armington, with a high school graduating class of just 17. The business administration major found his niche at Illinois State, thanks to professors and student involvement opportunities. Both laid the groundwork for what would become a successful career that allowed him to give back to his alma mater in many ways.

"Illinois State changed my life completely," Gemberling said. "The satisfying

NG FOR THE *future*

WILL SHAPE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

BY RYAN DENHAM

part of making this gift comes from the fact that I can see what impact ISU had on me. I know many, many other students have been impacted by what this university has done too. I want to see that continue.”

After serving in the military during Vietnam, Gemberling started his career with certified public accounting (CPA) firm Arthur Andersen in Chicago. His entrepreneurial streak emerged early, as he and two partners broke off and started their own CPA firm in LaSalle. Soon it was the largest CPA firm in downstate Illinois. He sold it and launched another, then another, then another.

In all, Gemberling held ownership interests in 25 diverse businesses. He served as chief financial officer of a five-company conglomerate with interests in manufacturing, mail order, and Internet marketing.

Gemberling returned to Central Illinois in 1989 and rekindled his Illinois State connection. A few years ago, he established and funded the Herbert Sieg Endowed Scholarship in the College of Business, and he played an integral role in creating the college’s minor in financial planning. The College of Business Hall of Famer is also on the Illinois State University Foundation Board of Directors, among other service roles.

After seeing the impact of his Sieg scholarship and the financial planning minor, Gemberling reached out to College of Business Senior Development Director Norris Porter ’88, M.S. ’89, about wanting to do more to help his alma mater. Gemberling’s family was already taken care of, so he decided to make a planned gift, with the college the beneficiary of the rest of his estate. Together Gemberling and the college’s leadership

team agreed to strategic funding priorities—all focused on impacting students.

“The whole process was painless, and it was very satisfying because you could see what was going to happen to this money down the road,” Gemberling said.

Though it’s a planned gift, Gemberling is committed to also make annual contributions to the college right away, in part to support excellence in teaching and research by honoring faculty scholars. Assistant Professor Abhishek Varma is the inaugural recipient, in part because of Varma’s teaching that links investment theory to practice and his research background. The funding gives Varma additional resources to pursue research and teaching opportunities.

Gifts like Gemberling’s are essential to attracting and retaining top-notch faculty at Illinois State, Varma said. Simply put, major gifts differentiate a good university from a great university.

“This is what students pay for, the experience of coming into a classroom and listening to professors who are passionate, who are doing cutting-edge research, who can inspire students to think at the next level,” he said.

The impact extends far beyond just one professor.

Steven Taylor was the first recipient of a separate position, the Hobart and Marian Gardner Hinderliter Endowed Professorship, from 2012–2014. That funding supported many efforts, including a unique opportunity for two Master of Business Administration (MBA) students to work with Taylor and other faculty members on a qualitative study about business ethics. Because of the time and resources provided by the professorship, together they co-published

an academic article about the study and recently presented it in Tokyo.

“If you’re interested in making an immediate impact on teaching and the reputation of the University, I cannot think of a better way than through professorships like these,” Taylor said.

Gemberling’s gift most directly impacts students through a seven-figure contribution to the College of Business Dean’s Scholarship Endowment, which will be used to attract and retain the most academically talented students and others who struggle to afford college, McKean said.

The George R. and Martha Means Center for Entrepreneurial Studies will also receive support to establish a student startup fund for viable and innovative business models, helping fulfill the college’s goal of graduating not just “great students, but great student businesses,” McKean said.

“Gary’s dedication to Illinois State is truly remarkable. He shares our vision and inspires us through his philanthropy,” said Illinois State President Larry Dietz. “He continues to lead by example. We are grateful for his generosity, which will benefit future generations of ISU students and faculty.”

Interested in making a planned gift? Contact Pat Vickerman at (309) 438-8901 or pvickerman@IllinoisState.edu.



Gary’s gift
Watch video of Gary Gemberling and College of Business faculty talking about the impact of his gift at IllinoisState.edu/Magazine.

Stats BEH

Dakota Pawlicki never anticipated a college degree was within his reach. Today he is changing lives as an administrator with Chicago Public Schools. Kristen Kouri expected her semester to be lost along with her family home in a tornado. She stayed enrolled and finished her courses. Alumnus Gary Gemberling will similarly impact the lives of myriad students as a result of his investment in the future of the College of Business.

These three Redbirds exemplify the power of individuals pursuing their passion at Illinois State. Evidence that those words are a call to action versus an empty marketing tagline were never more evident than during the past year, as the University experienced its largest fundraising effort.

The record-breaking private support of \$19.5 million included cash, pledges, estate gifts and gifts-in-kind for the fiscal year ending June 30. These funds will be used to support new and continuing scholarships, endowed faculty positions, academic programs and special funds that provide emergency student support.

The total compares to \$14.8 million just a year ago, an increase that President Larry Dietz confirms is critical to the continued success of Illinois State students.

"Private philanthropy is vital to the educational mission of the University, helping us support student scholarships, and attracting and retaining top-notch faculty and staff," Dietz said. "Our donors continue to demonstrate the value they place on an ISU education and continue to raise the bar for private support."

The stories of Dakota, Kristen and Gary exemplify the personal impact of every donated dollar. Look at the totality of investments from those who support the University, and an equally amazing story unfolds through statistics. The power of private giving is evident with a look at the numbers from the past year.

"We are so grateful for the generous support from ISU alumni and friends," University Advancement Interim Vice President Pat Vickerman said. "It demonstrates a strong commitment to sustaining and advancing the University."



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The University benefits from individuals who give of their time as well as their finances. Members of the Foundation Board of Directors are especially instrumental in providing their expertise to solicit and secure funds. They also work to maximize each private investment.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that manages gifts to the University. These dollars support many student scholarships, professorships, research, and other opportunities for students of Illinois State.

Not only does the board oversee the portfolio investments of the Foundation's endowment, but it also is in charge of distributing dollars to fulfill the wishes of our loyal alumni and friends who support the University. The Foundation ensures that money given to Illinois State is used as the donor intended and is consistent with the mission of the University.

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TOTAL FUNDRAISING

FY2014 ended with a record-breaking total of more than \$19 million in cash, pledges, estate gifts and gifts-in-kind. The largest fundraising effort in ISU's history further empowers the University to support its students and programs.



ALUMNI DONORS

Among those who invested in the University, more than 10,000 were graduates who completed a bachelor's degree. Alumni realize the impact ISU has had as they fulfill their dreams and give back so other Redbirds can soar.



30%

OVERALL INCREASE

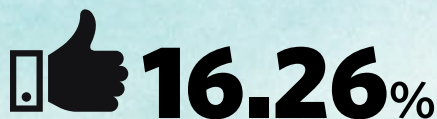
FY2013 ended with a total of \$14.8 million in cash and commitments, meaning giving increased a significant percentage within the past year. The landmark total will support scholarships, faculty positions and academic programs.



\$11M

BEQUESTS MADE

A significant percentage of the total raised in the past year came through bequests and planned giving. Those who choose this option leave a legacy, while creating opportunity for generations of Redbirds.



ENDOWMENT MARKET GAINS

There was significant growth in the Foundation's endowment during FY2014, as the total fund grew more than 16 percent. The investment committee works diligently with an external firm to faithfully steward each gift, maximizing every donated dollar.



\$100.5M

ENDOWMENT ASSETS

Through the stewardship of the board, the Foundation's total endowment continues to grow. The endowment ensures a solid base of support and safeguard that guarantees Illinois State will remain a premier undergraduate institution.



INDIVIDUAL DONORS

While corporate support is essential and appreciated, the majority of gifts made to reach the \$19.5 million mark this past year came from individuals who supported their passion.



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The ultimate goal in fundraising is to support the people and programs of Illinois State University. Student aid is crucial, as so many families need help covering the cost of education. Nearly 1,000 students received academic awards.

An infographic of the Willis Tower in Chicago, rendered in white line art against a dark teal background with diagonal stripes. The building is the central focus, with various statistics and facts connected to it by white lines. Other buildings and city elements are sketched in the background.

110 FLOORS

**SKY DECK TRAFFIC WAS
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**8TH TALLEST FREESTANDING
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HIGH-LEVEL SECURITY

ALUMNUS OVERSEES SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR CHICAGO'S WILLIS TOWER

WILLIS TOWER (FORMERLY THE SEARS TOWER) IN DOWNTOWN CHICAGO IS A CITY WITHIN A CITY. ONE OF THE TALLEST BUILDINGS IN THE WORLD, THE TOWER IS HOME TO MORE THAN 100 DIFFERENT COMPANIES AND THEIR 12,000 EMPLOYEES. APPROXIMATELY 2,000 BUSINESS GUESTS VISIT DAILY ALONG WITH AS MANY AS 15,000 TOURISTS TO THE BUILDING'S ICONIC SKYDECK, WHICH BOASTS BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE SURROUNDING METROPOLIS. THESE 29,000 INDIVIDUALS RELY ON KEITH KAMBIC '86 TO KEEP THEM SAFE AND SECURE.

BY STEVEN BARCUS

Kambic has completely reimagined security at Willis Tower since he was recruited to oversee security and life safety for the building in 2004. Though three years had passed since the September 11 attacks that toppled the World Trade Center in New York City, security practices had not shifted to reflect a healing nation.

“In the Midwest we feel isolated,” said Kambic, who is senior director of security and life safety. “9/11 was so new to Midwesterners, especially for property managers and building owners. The immediate reaction was to throw as many people as you possibly can at the problem.”

The security staff had been increased to maintain a striking presence in the building. Guests and employees alike were required to pass through metal detectors immediately upon entering the building; creating a time-intensive process that drained security staff resources and taxed the patience of prospective tenants, employees, and clients.

“You can’t maintain that kind of expenditure and stay successful,” Kambic said. “You have to provide a safe and secure environment for people to come to work in. But at the end of the day you have to manage the business.”

Kambic immediately identified methods to create a relaxing atmosphere in Willis Tower, while still maintaining a high level of security. He removed the metal detectors and X-ray machines from the immediate entrance that deterred guests from shopping or stopping for refreshments in one of Willis Tower’s nine restaurants. Kambic also created an ID system so that regular employees could pass quickly through checkpoints on their way in and out of the office.

In addition, he and his team implemented a new visitor management system and began requiring businesses to register all guests in advance. Surprisingly, the change decreased the daily business visitor traffic from 1,700 to 1,200 in 2004—evidence that a staggering number of people in the building were solicitors or attempting to scam their way up to the skydeck.


Implementing new technology and procedure changes were only the beginning of Kambic’s plan. He also set out to create a shift in culture among his security staff. Until Kambic arrived, security staff wore hard uniforms modeled

after the Chicago Police Department. He recognized that the ominous presence could be unnerving to visitors in a city that had begun to relax since 9/11, so he redesigned the uniforms. All 75 of his staff members are outfitted in sharp, tailored suits with vibrant, bright ties.

He did not only change the uniforms. Kambic also instilled a strong sense of customer service in his team.

“When I hire security staff here I am not necessarily looking for security experience,” Kambic said. “I am looking for the ability to talk to people. You can teach someone to do rounds or evacuate people, but you can’t teach human interaction.”





Kambic notes that talking to a suspicious person can be as much of a deterrent as metal detectors or bold uniforms. He trains security personnel with the skillset to distinguish between a lost tourist or a person conducting surveillance on the building for future theft or other crimes.

“U.S. Equities (which oversees management and leasing for Willis Tower) and the new owners knew that to become a successful building, we had obstacles that we needed to overcome,” Kambic said. “We needed to change the posture of security to give a feeling of comfort to people here and to attract new tenants.”

Kambic’s planning has shown positive results. In addition to receiving praise from building tenants and visitors, occupancy has increased. When he started, Willis Tower’s occupancy ranged from 70–80 percent. Today it is almost 90 percent.

The success is sweet for Kambic, especially given he came to ISU expecting to study chemistry until he found he didn’t have any aptitude for the subject. During a year off to reassess his career goals, Kambic took police tests and read up on criminal justice, deciding it was a fit and enrolling in the Department of Criminal Justice Sciences at Illinois State.

Kambic noted that graduates of the program knew they were “either going to be a police officer, probation officer, or a prison security officer.” Kambic had interned at the Tazewell County probation office and decided he didn’t want to work in probation. He also knew that he didn’t want to work in the prison system. Kambic decided to become an officer, testing for a number of programs before accepting a position in Joliet.

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However at the same time he received an offer to become a security, safety, and quality control officer for a retail distribution center. Kambic was encouraged by his cousin, who had already served several years as a police officer, to take the job.

The position saw Kambic exploring internal theft and safety cases. He discovered that he enjoyed the security field and had a knack for the work. After four years in the industrial environment, he accepted a position at Montgomery Ward at an inner-city Chicago store. Kambic dealt with shoplifters, learned the art of internal theft, and gained the skills to unravel simple and complex schemes. Often he would rely on verbal craft—interviewing and interrogating to eventually get individuals to admit that they did something wrong.

“In that type of venue you really get to see the good, you really get to see the bad, and you get to see how weird people are,” Kambic said.

Over the next 10 years he expanded in his role. Kambic transferred to the Montgomery Ward corporate office where he learned corporate protection, celebrity protection, and how to conduct investigations into credit card fraud, kickback schemes, and other white collar crimes.

“You really end up seeing the dark side of people in this work,” Kambic said.

Eventually Kambic returned to the field as a district manager for Montgomery Ward, overseeing all of Chicago—19 stores and a distribution center. Annually he and his team would catch 1,000 internal theft schemes and 5,000 shoplifters.

Though he thoroughly enjoyed his work at Montgomery Ward, Kambic recognized a looming corporate bankruptcy and a hot job market as signs to seek a new challenge.

He joined Kroll Worldwide, where he worked on security and risk assessment projects for the Lincoln Museum, the University of Chicago, International Monetary Fund, and the Dominican Republic’s Banco Popular.

Working with risk analysis and planning, engineering, and bidding out integrated security systems was a career turning point for Kambic. It set the stage for him to be placed in charge of security for the Aon Center (formerly the Amoco Building). The work in turn prepared him to assume responsibility over Willis Tower—a burden he shoulders with pride.

“I believe I have one of the best jobs in the country,” Kambic said. “I work in a place where I can go anywhere in the country, say I work in this particular building, and most people will know where I work and what I do. There are only a handful of jobs that are like that.”

#RedbirdProud



Corporate side of social media

Alum takes Facebook business story international

While most use Facebook to connect socially, businesses leverage the network to form customer relationships. Joe Benarroch '00 works in Facebook corporate communications and is witnessing the network's commercial expansion as he partners with public relations managers globally.

Benarroch enrolled at ISU intending to study biology and be an optometrist. He instead graduated with a public relations degree, which fits his love of interacting with people and listening to their stories.

"I've always said that PR is not just about selling a story, it is more about connecting with people," Benarroch

noted. He held strategic planning and corporate affairs positions before joining Facebook's marketing and communication team in 2012. He now shares the Facebook business story and its impact in different cultures.

All businesses were once personal, he explained, with owners knowing their customers well. That relationship changed with mass media and is shifting again with social media.

"Facebook is making business and marketing personal again," Benarroch said. "To be personal at scale is a huge opportunity for businesses, and we're helping them understand what that means country by country."

As an example, Indonesia has 247 million people and 69 million Facebook users. This creates such opportunity

for businesses that Facebook opened an office there with a central sales team.

"We have a range of countries who have Facebook offices and Facebook teams," said Benarroch, who makes liberal use of mobile applications and Facebook's messaging function on the job, personally, and as adjunct faculty at Fordham University.

He is happily immersed in a corporate culture that champions individual and personal growth, while continuing to adapt the social platform to its users.

"By and large, Facebook is built around people," he said, which means it is going to constantly evolve. "We're very focused on what that means not only for the people who are on our platform, but also for businesses."

Alumni News

Loyal Redbird couple Homecoming royalty

This year's Homecoming was meaningful for Harriett (Gove) and Phares O'Daffer, who were alumni king and queen.

The Bloomington couple met at ISU. Harriett '55, M.S. '57, studied elementary education. Phares '55, M.S. '56, chose math. He joined ISU's Department of Mathematics as faculty in 1968 and retired 20 years later. Harriett taught in Bloomington schools.

Both volunteer with numerous community efforts and agencies, remaining engaged with the campus. They have invested in the College of Fine Arts, the math department and Athletics, most recently supporting the Hancock Stadium renovation. Phares received the E. Burton Mercier Alumni Service Award.

"We're blessed to be able to give something," Phares said for the couple, noting the University holds a special place in their hearts and lives.

Reggie children's book takes mascot on adventure

An illustrated children's book is the newest item created for Redbird fans. *Where are all the Redbirds?* tells of Reggie's journey to find where other Redbirds live. His search ends at the University.

Alumni and Redbird fans will appreciate sharing with their youngest family members a story tied to ISU. The illustrations are delightful, so even the littlest ones will be engaged as the story is read aloud. It is also a great starter book for the child beginning to read alone. Members of Reggie's Kids Club will especially find it fun, as it gives them an adventure story about their beloved mascot.

Illustrated by Mike Mahle and written by Susan Blystone '84, M.S. '03—both part of ISU's University Marketing and Communications team—the book is available for \$10 at IllinoisState.edu/ReggieBook.



From the archives

Life in the residence halls has changed markedly over time, a fact noted at this year's Homecoming by those who gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Wilkins Hall opening. The building opened in 1964 and was named after Daniel Wilkins, who helped establish the University and free public schools across Illinois. The top image from the 1960s is a reminder of residence hall life decades ago. Students today are much more creative as they convert their rooms to living spaces that show their unique personality.



Painting with a purpose

Educator and alum challenges stereotypes through art

Having worked in higher education for nearly 30 years, Rick Lewis has seen how preconceived judgments and assumptions inform knowledge and opinion. He is bringing that reality to the forefront through portraits of African-American men.

Lewis, M.S. '87, is known on campus as ISU's associate dean of students. He is also a School of Art alumnus who is using his talent to create portraits of 20 young men for an exhibition next year.

"I always knew that African-American males had some unique challenges being on a predominantly white campus," said Lewis, who joined the University staff in 1987. "These ideas were

incubating in my head over the last 19 years. I often asked myself what would it look like if I had to illustrate it."

Lewis hopes the emotional impact of each painting will serve as a catalyst for challenging preconceptions and starting meaningful dialogue. He knows the portraits may make some with preconceived notions uncomfortable. Lewis aims to multiply that discomfort by filling an entire gallery.

His creative process starts by photographing his subject, allowing Lewis to paint during his free time. He works with such painstaking detail that a single portrait may take several months.

His models—mostly students—wear clothing without brands or symbols.

They are painted in a natural pose against a neutral background, void of context.

"When a person approaches this artwork, all they have to work with is what they see and the assumptions they bring to it," Lewis said. "My work is stripped of narratives and visual cues."

As a result, viewers must confront their assumptions about the person portrayed, consider where their assumptions originated, and ponder why such thoughts exist. The questions are among many Lewis hopes to stir when the work premieres in the spring, along with interactive autobiographies of each student.

"I'm an educator," said Lewis. "Ultimately I want to use this artwork to educate students on differences and acceptance and how to rethink stereotypes."

30s

Helen Tyrrell-Fuchs '35 is a retired teacher who taught in a one-room schoolhouse. She celebrated her 100th birthday in April. She is widowed and resides in Wayne.

50s

Joan (Lash) Treland '52 is the owner and director of Joan Treland and Associates, LTD. She resides in Glen Ellyn.

Mary K. (Carnahan) Matarelli '58 retired from a teaching position with Illinois School District 323 in Dunlap. She and her husband, Michael, reside in Venice, Florida.

Ruth (Kerin) Lyle '59 served as district governor of District 1D of the Lions of Illinois. Her husband, **Tom** '61, has been inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame as a friend of basketball in recognition of 50 years of score-keeping for the Erie Community High School basketball program. He taught in the Erie High School until retiring in 1993. They reside in Erie.

60s

Alfredo Mirande '63 is a professor at the University of California. He and his wife, Evangelina, reside in Riverside, California.

D. Leigh Henson '64, M.S. '69, Ed.D. '82, is English professor emeritus at Missouri State University. His article, "Classical Rhetoric as a Lens for Reading the Key Speeches of Lincoln's Political Rise, 1852-1856," appeared in the *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association*. He resides in Springfield, Missouri.

Gerald Lewis '65 has retired as a special education director. He has authored the memoir *South Shore Days* about growing up Catholic in an Irish/Jewish neighborhood during WWII. He and his wife, Margaret, reside in DeForest, Wisconsin.

Donald Gibb '66 retired after a 44-year teaching career. He is an elected member of the Heartland Community College Board of

Trustees. He and his wife, Dianne, reside in Fairbury.

Pearle Jeffries '66, M.S. '76, retired as a speech pathologist from Prairie Central District 8. She and her husband, David, reside in Fairbury.

Michael Askew '67 retired from IBM as an advisory IT specialist. He and his wife, Carol, reside in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Lyle Hicks '67 retired after 45 years of teaching and coaching, including 15 years at Danville Area Community College. He coaches at Schlarman Academy and coordinates the VITA program in Vermilion County. He and his wife, Nyla, reside in Danville.

John Todt '68, '84, retired from teaching high school biology. He is on the Boone County Conservation District board and is past president of the Illinois Association of Conservation Districts. He and his wife, Ruth, reside in Belvidere.

Samuel Gore, Ed.D. '69, is an art professor at Mississippi College. He and his wife, Marjorie, reside in Clinton, Mississippi.

Tom Lamont '69 is principal of Lamont Consulting Services, LLC. He and his wife, Bridget, reside in Springfield.

Donald Vance '69, M.S. '71, is a retired tax consultant and CEO of Gunslinger Publications. He authored *The Black Sword: The Secret of U.S. Army in Vietnam*. The story begins outside of Schroeder Hall. He resides in Abilene, Texas.

70s

Beth Buehlmann, M.S. '71, Ph.D. '74, is the vice president for public policy and government affairs with the Council of Graduate Schools. She resides in Arlington, Virginia.

Barbara Doyle '71 is an educator and specialist in autism with deafness. She works as an independent autism consultant and authored *Autism Spectrum Disorders From A to Z*. She resides in Orland Park.

John Kramer '72 is vice president of knowledge resources with Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc. He and his

Pause for applause



Safe at school

A retired Illinois State police colonel, **Michael Snyders** '82 has dealt with a wide spectrum of criminal activity. His passion for protecting others continues as president of the Hero911 Network. The national nonprofit volunteer organization consists of federal, state and local law enforcement officers ready to respond to active school shootings. Whether on duty or off, officers receive notification of a shooter through a free mobile app, which gives the school address. The notice occurs when school personnel use the app on their phones to trigger an emergency alert. The system, explained at www.hero911.org, has gained national attention and praise.

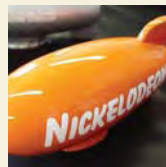
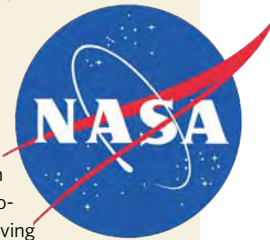
Growing healthier

The percentage of overweight or obese children has tripled in the U.S. during the past 30 years. Few kids eat enough fruits or vegetables. **Emily Koller, M.S. '13**, is passionate about reversing this trend. The social work graduate is part of FoodCorps, a nationwide team of leaders who connect youth to real food so that they grow up healthy. Koller's efforts started while at ISU, where she developed a garden-based learning curriculum for preschoolers and raised funds for a community garden at a local YWCA. She is now leading garden-based learning for children from kindergarten through high school in Chico, California.

From ISU to NASA

Rebecca Wenning Vieyra '07 studied physics teacher education while at Illinois State, where she also enjoyed and explored the planetarium run by her father, Carl Wenning. She left her job as a high school physics instructor to join the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, where she is serving for 11 months as an Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator.

Vieyra was one of 14 STEM educators from across the country chosen for the paid fellowship that is awarded to those who demonstrate excellence in teaching and leadership. The program's goal is to help increase understanding, communication and cooperation among government branches and STEM educators.



Blown away

Robert DuGrenier, M.F.A. '80, is one of the most collected artists in the world. His glass pieces adorn the homes of celebrities, including Whoopi Goldberg and Dustin Hoffman. His talent is seen in the Statue of Liberty flame redesign and Tiffany's ESPY to Nickelodeon's Kid's Choice Award and the well-known movie award from MTV. Through his company, Robert DuGrenier Associates, Inc., he has installed striking glass designs internationally from Turkey and Japan to Italy and the United Kingdom. He creates in miniature as well, crafting glass shells that become home to living hermit crabs.

How we met

When Katherine Priore '07 and Dan Hogan '08 met through mutual friends—Brenda Houy '07 and Kevin Shoemaker—they had no idea their friendship would become a lifelong love affair.

Both College of Business students, with Katherine pursuing international business and Dan a marketing major, the two ran into each other outside of classes.

"I really liked him and thought he was cute, so I would plan my exiting strategies from class around times that I knew I would see him," Priore said.

It didn't take long before the couple fell in love. Their time together at Illinois State included attending shows at the Normal Theater, seeing concerts at the U.S. Cellular Coliseum, and dates at the Bone Student Center's Bowling and Billiards Center.

Priore graduated a year before Hogan and moved to Chicago, yet she continued to live life like a Redbird. She visited Dan at Illinois State every other weekend until he graduated.

"I actually got to extend my college experience," she said. "So although a long distance relationship wasn't the easiest thing to do, it was kind of fun to have an extra year of coming back to ISU."

The couple married in January of this year and now reside in Chicago. She is a business analysis manager with Avalon Risk Management, while he works as an account manager for CDW Corporation. They make it a point to stay connected to the campus where they fell in love.

"Dan's family still lives in Bloomington, so we do travel back quite a lot," Priore said. "We are huge fans of Redbird basketball. We go to games at ISU and whenever the Redbirds are in Chicago, we go to those games as well."

Their next ISU adventure will be traveling to cheer the men's basketball team in the 2014 U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam tournament this month, adding another chapter to their ISU love story.



wife, Anne, reside in Tustin, California.

M. Jo Morrison '72, M.S. '75, Certificate '85, Ed.D. '87, retired from Bloomington Public Schools after 33 years of teaching. She quilts and is active with Barn Quilt Heritage Trail of McLean County. She resides in Towanda.

Donn Stephens '72 is a retired public school teacher. He is adjunct faculty at Benedictine University. He was chosen as the 2013–2014 part-time faculty instructor of the year. He wrote the score for *The Rev*, a stage musical, and was cast in the movie *Food*. He resides in Springfield.

Paul Wehman, M.S. '72, is a professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation and director of the VCU Rehabilitation Research and Training Center. A prolific author, he has been editor of the *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation* for nearly 20 years. A parent of two children with disabilities, he resides in Ashland, Virginia.

Denny Meredith-Orr '73, M.S. '76, is the COO of Reliant-Talent Management Solutions. He and his wife, Suzy, reside in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Craig Weidemann '73 is vice president for outreach and vice provost for online education at Penn State University. He resides in State College, Pennsylvania.

Rose (Uhl) Adams, M.S. '74, is a school counselor for St. Mary's County Public Schools, working at the James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center. She resides in California, Maryland.

Christine (Hayes) Heady '74 is an instructional assistant with Hawthorn District 73. She and her husband, George, reside in Vernon Hills.

Sharon (Hoener) Yelton '74 teaches sixth grade at St. James Lutheran School. She and her husband, Stan, reside in Quincy.

Michael Blyth '75 teaches at Petrides School in Staten Island. He organized a Habitat for Humanity build in Michigan, with the work com-

pleted by 28 students and teachers from the New York School. He resides in Staten Island, New York.

Carol Fitzgerald, M.A. '76, is the executive director of the Sauk Valley YWCA. She has been inducted into the Sterling High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. She and her husband, **Douglas '71**, reside in Rock Falls.

Gail Montplaisir '76 is president of Taurus Development Group. She resides in Washington, D.C.

Ed Paul '76, M.S. '78, is a graduate of the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, which honored him as the 2014 Alumnus of the Year. He is the director of medical education at Yuma Regional Medical Center in Yuma, Arizona.

Terri (Walton) Travis-Davis '76 received an Alumni Service Award from the University of Chicago. She completed a graduate degree from the university's School of Social Services. She resides in Matteson.

Sharon Weiss '76, Ed.D. '06, is the superintendent of schools at the

Catholic Diocese of Peoria. She resides in Peoria.

Debbie (Palmer) Brewer '77 retired after 37 years of teaching special education, ending her career at Bureau Valley Elementary. She resides in Wyandot.

Walter Prior, M.S. '77, is director of human resources at Bake'n Joy Foods, Inc. He and his wife, Jean, reside in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Les Vann '77 is the president and general manager of WJCL/WTGS television. He and his wife, Shannon, reside in Savannah, Georgia.

Susan (Kalasmiki) Collie '78, M.S. '81, is the director of forensics at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. She and her husband, Stephen, reside in Menomonie, Wisconsin.

Gary Gillespie '78 is vice president and general manager of Gardner Denver, Inc. He and his wife, **Jane (Kamm) '78**, have three children and reside in Quincy.

Mike Profilet '78 has been with Kroger for 25 years. He resides in Normal.

Mel Schnake, MBA '78, is a management professor and director of graduate programs in business at Valdosta State University. He resides in Valdosta, Georgia.

Sandra Smith '78, M.S. '83, is a United Methodist Church pastor. She resides in Earlville.

Keith Storey '78 is a professor of education at Touro University. He published the third edition of *The Road Ahead: Transition to Adult Life for Persons with Disabilities*. He resides in Berkeley, California.

Carol (Huddleston) Straka '78, M.S. '80, retired after 34 years of teaching at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, where she resides. She is widowed.

Betsy (Scott) Vacketta '78 is an elementary teacher at Oakwood CUSD 76. She and her husband, Theodore, reside in Danville.

Walter Warfield, Ph.D. '78, is the executive director emeritus of the Illinois Association of School Administrators. He and his wife, Cathy, reside in Clearwater Beach, Florida.

Theresa (Mullen) Lodesky '79 works with Naperville Community Unit District 203. She and her husband, Jeff, reside in Naperville.

John Tebbetts '79 retired from Abbott Laboratories after 25 years. He worked with Arthur Andersen for a decade. He and his wife, Sue, have three adult children and reside in Gurnee.

80s

Lori Fuglestad, M.S. '81, is the president and CEO of Caliber Property Services, Inc. She resides in Corona Del Mar, California.

Catherine Groden, M.S. '81, is a nurse practitioner with the Department of Health and Human Services. She resides in Arlington, Virginia.

Mary (Bomleny) Shatto '81 teaches sixth grade math and social studies at Illinois Valley Central District 321. She and her husband, Brett, reside in Chillicothe.

Lorie (Story) Butler, M.S. '82, is a senior consultant with Nutrition Care Systems. She and her husband, Richard, reside in Orland Park.

Gary O'Brien '83 is director of communications of Columbus Arenas Sports and Entertainment, including Ohio State University's Schottenstein Center and the downtown Nationwide Arena. He resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Catherine (Hines) Dixon '84 is the library director at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland. She resides in Crofton, Maryland.

Steve Frey '84 is a government account relationship manager with W. H. Grainger. He resides in Buffalo Grove.

Glynis (Bryan) Gibson '84, M.S. '85, has had her own business for 23 years. Gibson Communications, Inc., is a full-service public relations and communications agency. The firm has won 47 awards. She and her husband, Walter, reside in Chicago.

Mohamad Khaksarfard '84 started his own construction and consulting business, United Concepts. He teaches industrial technology at Augusta Technical College. He and his wife, Sabereh, reside in Augusta, Georgia.

Michael O'Brien '84 is an account manager with Federal Mogul Corporation. He resides in Addison.

Doug Tschauder '84 is managing attorney for Legal Aid of Western Missouri. He and his wife, Sarah, are the parents of two boys and reside in Atchison, Kansas.

Jan Brandt '85, '11, is the owner of Jan Brandt Gallery, LLC. Her work was included in the juried exhibit "Fractured Yet Rising" at Chicago's ARC Gallery and Educational Foundation this past spring. She and her husband, Peter, reside in Bloomington.

Diane McNabb Rodriguez '85 is a project manager and lighting designer with Circle Design Group, Inc. She served as a member of the LIGHTFAIR 2014 Conference Advisory Committee. She resides in Noblesville, Indiana.

Lori (Herzel) Scroggs '85, M.S. '87, retired as vice president for learning and student development from Illinois Valley Community College. She is internal consultant in the Office of Quality Improvement at University of Wisconsin-Madison. She and her husband, John Lundahl, reside in Merrimac, Wisconsin.

Donald Bowen '86 is an agency manager with COUNTRY Financial. He and his wife, Barbara, reside in Mesa, Arizona.

Patricia (Kenyon) Rittenhouse '86 is a middle school language arts and reading teacher at the Tennessee School for the Deaf. A scholarship has been established in the name of her and her husband, Bob, at



Redbird pride

Dale Sutter '61 of Bloomington loves to show his Illinois State spirit as he enjoys travel adventures. He wears an ISU ball cap everywhere he goes, including to the Indy 500 racetrack earlier this year. While there he joined a driver for two exhilarating spins around the racetrack. Sutter's school spirit has resulted in conversations with other Redbirds in many interesting places including Alaska, Ireland, Germany and London.

Mark Thorndyke '85 is a managing director of wealth management and a senior portfolio manager with Merrill Lynch Personal Investment Advisory Program. He was named to *Barron's* "America's Top 1,000 Financial Advisors" in 2013, an honor he has held for the past five consecutive years. He now ranks 27th in Illinois. He and his wife, Susan, are parents to four children and reside in Lake Barrington.

Ray Wallace, D.A. '85 is a professor of English who served as provost and senior vice chancellor at University of Arkansas-Fort Smith for seven years. He is now chancellor of Indiana University Southeast in New Albany, Indiana.

the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. They reside in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Kathryn (Moline) Turner '86 is a teacher with Spotsylvania County Public Schools. She and her husband, Robert, reside in Partlow, Virginia.

Libby (Mailand) Wilson '86 is a library assistant at Francis Howell School District. She and her husband, Randall, reside in Saint Peters, Missouri.

Rhonda (Vega) Brennan '87 is an internal affairs officer at the Westville Correctional Facility in Indiana. She helped design and implement the state's first Sexual Assault Response Team used in all Indiana Department of Correction

Redbird Legacy

Katherine Williams arrived this fall as a freshman elementary education major already feeling at home. With generations of Redbirds on both sides of her family, she easily transitioned to campus.

Katherine became familiar with ISU as a child. Her grandfather, David Williams, is emeritus professor of music and arts technology. A former vice president for information technology, he established the arts technology program. He and his wife, Kay, reside in Bloomington.

They had two sons, Owen and Brian. Owen '99 completed an English degree and works at ISU as a campus network engineer. His brother, Brian '91, is Katherine's father.

Brian studied computer graphics and photography. Now a graphic artist for the *Quad-City Times*, he resides in Moline with his wife and Katherine's mother, Lisa (Powell) Williams. The Redbird legacy goes back four generations on Lisa's side of the family, beginning with her parents.

Katherine's grandparents both attended ISU. Linda (Pease) Powell '63 majored in elementary and special education. She met her husband, Lanny '64, M.S. '66, at Walker Hall in 1961. He also studied education and chose geography for his graduate degree. Both taught and are now retired, residing in East Moline.

A great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother to Katherine were also graduates. Linda's mother, Henrietta (Rapp) Pease completed a teaching certificate in 1938 and returned to finish a bachelor's and master's in 1960 and 1964 respectively. All her studies were in education. Henrietta's mother, Clara Pearl (Ayers) Rapp, was a student of teacher education as well, attending in the early 1900s. She and Henrietta are deceased.

"ISU has constantly been a part of my life," Katherine said. "It means quite a bit to be carrying on this family legacy at ISU, especially within the field of elementary education. I hope I can become as much of a caring, loving, devoted and phenomenal teacher as my grandmother has been."



Katherine Williams, top, with her maternal grandparents Linda (Pease) and Lanny Powell. She is also pictured with her father Brian Williams and grandfather David Williams.

facilities. She is an elected member of the Indiana Criminal Justice Association. She and her husband, Gary, reside in La Porte, Indiana.

Thomas Tcheng '88 is the director of preclinical research and development at NeuroPace, Inc. He resides in Pleasant Hill, California.

Laura Rogers '89 is a special education teacher with New Lenox School District 122. She and her husband, Louis Kocsis, reside in Orland Park.

Lew Sauder '89 is a senior project manager with Geneca. He authored *The Reluctant Mentor*, which is a business novel. He also published *Consulting 101*. He and his wife, Heather, reside in Plainfield.

Steve Smith '89, M.S. '93, is an account executive with Association Management Center. He serves as executive director and CEO of AMC client American Academy of

Hospice and Palliative Medicine. He received the 2014 John C. Thiel Distinguished Service Award from the Association Forum of Chicagoland. He and his wife are parents to three sons and reside in Elk Grove.

Lezlie (James) VanVooren '89 is a physical education teacher at Hurst Euleess Bedford Independent School District. She and her husband, Bob, reside in Bedford, Texas.

90s

Casey (Coad) Dutcher '90 owns an Allstate Insurance agency. She and her husband, Kevin, reside in Corona, California.

Todd Maisch, MBA '90, is CEO of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. He has been with the chamber for 20 years, serving as executive vice president. He was previously

a research analyst in the General Assembly for the House Republican staff. He resides in Springfield.

Steve Olle '90 is an associate editor with the National Association for the Education of Young Children. He resides in Silver Spring, Maryland.

MaryPat Davitz '91 is manager of business services for Mueller Prost. She has been inducted into PKF North America's Employee Benefit Plan Community of Practice. PKF NA is an association for independent accounting and consulting firms. She resides in Freeburg.

Gretchen Shelly '91 is the owner of Merry Maids in Bloomington-Normal. She and her husband, Len, reside in Normal.

Kim Tillery '91, M.S. '92, is chair of the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences at the State University of New York at Fredonia. She received the 2014 Distinguished Achievement Award from the New York State Speech-Language Hearing Association. The honor recognizes her outstanding clinical research and teaching excellence. She resides in Snyder, New York.

David Williams II '91 is an online and print graphic designer with the *Quad-City Times*. He is an Illinois



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Illinois State's Then & Now Quiz

Smart phones or party lines?
Doug Collins or Jackie Carmichael?
ISU or ISNU?

The Illinois State experience is defined by when a person attended, as campus life is totally different from decade to decade. Help us create a snapshot of Illinois State through the years by taking our quiz. We'll publish the results in a future issue of the magazine.

Two ways to participate:

- 1 Online at Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/Quiz
- 2 Fill out your answers below and mail this page using the envelope enclosed in this issue.

Your graduation year _____ . When you were a student...

Who was the biggest celebrity/performer to visit campus?

What was your favorite off-campus restaurant?

What technology did you use to talk with your friends?

Who was the biggest Redbird student-athlete?

In one sentence, what was a typical Friday night out?

What did you usually wear to class?

What was the most important thing you brought with you to your first residence hall room?

What was the newest building on campus?

What was the biggest off-campus news event that happened?

Please submit your response by Friday, December 12!

and Iowa high school soccer referee. He and his wife, Lisa, reside in Moline.

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Fell Hall friendship

Four freshmen ladies settled into Fell Hall in the fall of 1954. They lived across from each other as sets of roommates, which resulted in a friendship that lasted long beyond graduation in 1958. The bond remained strong throughout life, with the group still connecting regularly at least once a year. Their most recent visit was this past spring. The four are, *from left*, Alta (Snyder) Adamson of Byron, Louise (Dagay) Coutre of Addison, Gladys (Waren) Boyer of Heyworth, and Janice (VanLeirsburg) Blevins of Saint Charles.

of middle and secondary education at Coastal Carolina University. She resides in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

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A landmark celebration

There are many events for alumni on campus throughout the year. Induction into the Half Century Club is definitely among the memorable and celebrated moments. Members of the Class of 1964 were honored earlier this year. Among those from the class to mark the special anniversary year were, *from left*, Barbara Ewalt of Morris, Karen (Hill) Dohme of Champaign, Bob Cardiff of Galva, Carol Schaal of Oak Lawn, and Connie (Gray) Livingston of Chillicothe.

Sara (Kallansrude) Luster '05 is a physician assistant at Florida Cancer Specialists. She and her husband, Troy, reside in Estero, Florida.

Carolyn Massier '05 teaches second grade at Rock Cut Elementary School. She is one of five 2014 Golden Apple Teacher recipients. She resides in Rockford.

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Quinta, California.

Jacob Golich '06 is the chief operating officer with Mountain Vista Medical Center. He resides in Mesa, Arizona.

Ben Henry '06 is the head athletic trainer with Work-Fit at Boeing Commercial Airplanes. He and his wife, Becky, reside in Marysville, Washington.

Steve Saul '06 has left his job as a high school English teacher in Naperville to be part of a Silicon Valley start-up company, Goalbook, which develops tools that support teachers. His wife, **Elizabeth (Parker) '09**, teaches third grade. They and their two toddlers are relocating to California.

Thomas Cullen '07 has completed a master of divinity degree at Princeton Theological Seminary. He resides in Bloomington.

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Caroline Tamalunis '10 is an assistant manager of human resources with Genpact. She resides in Catlin.

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Brittany Johnson '12 is a professional violinist touring with the Blag-



Art from the heart

Jo Morrison '72, M.S. '75, Ed.D. '87, has enjoyed working as an artist with the Barn Quilt Heritage Trail of McLean County project. Thirty wooden painted quilts measuring 8 feet by 8 feet have been placed throughout the county. Her most recent effort honors Michael Collins, a 22-year-old ISU student at the time of a car accident that took his life this year. He was remembered at a Normal CornBelters game in August, at which time the barn quilt was revealed. Pictured are, *from left*, Kyle Audi; Jo; Michael's parents, Kelly (Presley) '83 and Jim Collins '82; Michael Adams; and Sandy Lewis, M.S. '97.

gards, an Irish Stout rock band. She also teaches music. She resides in Houston, Texas.

Jacey Johnson '12 is a business development associate with the HON Company. She resides in Annapolis, Maryland.

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Our troops

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Joseph Kollins '90 served in Operation Desert Storm with the U.S. Army. He is a lieutenant with the Illinois State Police, commanding two districts. A former member of Illinois State Police SWAT, he was one of 20 troopers selected to represent the Illinois State Police force during the 2008 presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C., and also served on Task Force Illinois to aid in the Hurricane Katrina Disaster Response in Louisiana. He resides in Collinsville.

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A love of family, history and Illinois State resulted in a unique opportunity for Theora (Wiseman) Stark '62. The elementary education major who attended in the days of ISNU has a love for Ewing Manor—a passion she shared with her mother.

Theora volunteers regularly at Ewing, which is owned by the University's Foundation. Her stories of the Hazle Buck Ewing family fascinated her mother, Leora Wiseman, who marked her 100th birthday with a tour of the home. She died within months of that special day, but her memory lives on at Ewing because of Theora.

While polishing silver and giving tours at the manor, Theora learned that an antique clock in the entryway had not worked since the 1980s. She not only found a registered clockmaker to restore it but covered the expense as a tribute to her mother.

The sound of the clock once again striking the hour is music to visitors, and especially Theora. She was thrilled to learn it was manufactured in the 1700s. The fact it predates the country's founding makes it an even more meaningful opportunity to preserve not only a loved one's memory but an historical treasure.

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Making waves

When not studying to complete her graphic design major, senior Marissa Yontz heads to Horton to pursue her other passion: swimming. As is common among ISU's 443 student-athletes, Yontz often labors alone to up her performance. A Missouri Valley Conference standout, she and her teammates are gearing up for the MVC tournament in February. Follow their success—and all other 18 teams—at GoRedbirds.com.